GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4933
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
AMENDMENT OF FCI ACT, 1964
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the Food Corporation ofIndia Retired Employees Welfare Association, public representatives of Maharashtra, regarding amendment of Food Corporation Act, 1964 in order to make a provision for fresh option to the employees of the erstwhile department of food, transferred to FCI to opt for liberalised pensionary benefits of Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The association has requested for one more option not only to the retired employees but also to those who are in service and had opted for Central Government pensionary terminal benefits by making amendment to the Food Corporations Act, 1964.

(c): In 1990, the FCI Employees Union had filed a Writ Petition in the Supreme Court seeking its direction to give further option to these employees for switching over to pensionary scheme instead of the earlier option for CPF Scheme.The Hon`ble Supreme Court did not find any merit in the petition and had observed that `The petitioners are not entitled to the benefit of pension since they had already exercised their option for CPF Scheme.There is no merit in the Writ Petition, it is accordingly dismissed.` In the light of the above, the request cannot be acceded to.